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Extension of the first country cooperation framework for Kiribati

Note by the Administrator

Period of extension:
1 January 2002 through 31 December 2002

I. Background and justification

1. At its third regular session 1997, the Executive Board approved the first country cooperation framework (CCF) for Samoa, for the period 1997 to 2001. The country office has requested a one-year extension of the first CCF, to enable the formulation of the second CCF within the context of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and to synchronize the cycle of the second CCF with the programming cycles of other United Nations agencies in the country.

2. The main thematic areas of the first CCF are private sector development and outer-island development. Within the framework of the first CCF, UNDP has been assisting the Government through the institutional strengthening of the Rural Planning Unit of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Rural Development, to improve its capacity to plan, coordinate and implement island development initiatives. Assistance is also being provided to outer-island communities and schools in improving water supplies and sanitation. In the area of private sector development, in collaboration with the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, UNDP has been supporting the Government in developing a more integrative approach to entrepreneurial improvement through training in small-scale business development; development financing; and increased access to credit and support services for a Business Advisory Unit in the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism. In addition, some policy development support has also been provided to the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism.

II. Objectives

3. The first CCF was reviewed in August 2000; among the recommendations was continued support for private sector development, with particular emphasis on wider participation in the private sector through legislative review and promotion of public/private sector partnerships. This area is still dominated by government-owned enterprises. The review further recommended an analysis of the poverty situation in

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Tarawa, the most densely populated island of the group, which falls in line with the Government's National Development Strategy, approved in October 2000.

4. Another key to development in 2000 was the completion of the Common Country Assessment process, which will form the basis of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework and the second CCF. The United Nations Development Assistance Framework is scheduled to be completed before the end of 2001 and will incorporate the above-mentioned recommendations of the CCF review within its framework.

III. Recommendation

5. The Administrator wishes to inform the Executive Board that he has approved the extension of the first country cooperation framework for Kiribati for a period of one year, 1 January 2002 through 31 December 2002.

Annex

Resource mobilization target table for Kiribati (1997-2002)

Source	*Amount (In thousands of United States dollars)*	*Comments*
UNDP regular resources		
Estimated IPF carry-over	643	Includes AOS.
TRAC 1.1.1	594	Assigned immediately to country.
TRAC 1.1.2	0 to 66.7 per cent of TRAC 1.1.1	This range of percentages is presented for initial planning purposes only. The actual assignment will depend on the availability of high-quality programmes. Any increase in the range of percentages would also be subject to availability of resources.
SPPD/STS	137	
Subtotal	**1 374** [a]	
UNDP other resources		
Government cost-sharing	0	
Third party cost-sharing	0	
Funds, trust funds and other	212	
of which:		
GEF	212	
Subtotal	**212**	
Grand total	**1 586** [a]	

[a] Not inclusive of TRAC 1.1.2, which is allocated regionally for subsequent country application.

Abbreviations: AOS = administrative and operational services; GEF = Global Environment Facility; IPF indicative planning figure; SPPD = support for policy and programme development; STS = support for technical services; and TRAC = target for resource assignment from the core.